

PREVIEW

Emily Dickinson's Poetry

Summary In “Because I could not stop for Death,” the poet imagines that a carriage takes her to her grave after she dies. The poet also writes about her own death in “I heard a fly buzz—when I died.” “There’s a certain slant of light” tells about the sad afternoon light of winter. In “My life closed twice before its close,” the poet thinks about enduring a terrible event.

The poet speaks of the soul’s tendency to prefer one person over all others in “The

Soul selects her own Society.” “The Brain—is wider than the sky—” is a poem that claims that all of nature and even God can be contained in the mind. In “There is a solitude of space,” the soul offers more solitude than any earthly place. The poet suggests that things can only be known through their opposites in “Water, is taught by thirst.”



Note-taking Guide

Record references to nature found in Dickinson’s poems in the diagram below.

